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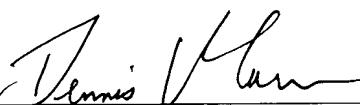
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Respectfully submitted,

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- (A) an aqueous composition comprising the product of chemical interaction between:
 - (1) a first reagent component selected from the group consisting of fluoroacids of the elements of titanium, zirconium, hafnium, boron, aluminum, silicon, germanium, and tin, the first reagent component being dissolved in water; and
 - (2) a second reagent component selected from the group consisting of titanium, zirconium, hafnium, boron, aluminum, silicon, germanium, tin and all of oxides, hydroxides, and carbonates of all of titanium, zirconium, hafnium, boron, aluminum, silicon, germanium, and tin, the second reagent component dissolved, dispersed or both dissolved and dispersed in water.

Affinito does not disclose, teach or suggest the present invention. More specifically, *Affinito* does not teach a method of sequentially treating one or more multi-metal articles. *Affinito* is primarily concerned with treating conversion-coated metal substrates for improving the adhesion and corrosion resistance of siccative coatings. In discussing the primary purposes of applying siccative coatings to metal substrates in the background of the invention, *Affinito* recites that examples of metal substrates are those made of steel, aluminum, zinc and their alloys. This is the only mention of aluminum substrates. This does not amount to enabling disclosure of multi-metal articles as defined by the present application. As such, *Affinito* does not disclose, teach or suggest that his invention is usable for multi-metal articles. He does not make any mention that his invention contemplates use with any multi-metal articles. In fact, all throughout the entire specification, when referring to the articles to be coated, *Affinito* only refers to them generically as metal articles. Moreover, in the examples, *Affinito* only coats steel articles. There is no mention of coating multi-metal articles anywhere in the *Affinito* patent.

Thus, *Affinito* does not disclose each and every element of claim 1 and therefore the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection is improper. The law is clear that under 35 U.S.C. § 102, “anticipation requires that each and every element of the claimed invention be disclosed in the prior art.” *Akzo N.V. vs. United States Int'l Trade Comm'n* 1 USPQ 2d 1241, 1245 (Fed. Cir.

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